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NIGHT LEAD CUBAN SUBVERSION

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EDITOR'S NOTE--PRESIDENT KENNEDY TOLD HIS FEB. 7 NEWS CONFERENCE THAT CUBA IS NO LONGER A MILITARY THREAT TO THE UNITED STATES, THAT "THE BIG DANGERS TO LATIN AMERICA" ARE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS WHICH CREATE A FERTILE AREA FOR SUBVERSION. OTHER OFFICIALS, BOTH WITHIN THE ADMINISTRATION AND THOSE CRITICAL OF IT, HAVE SAID CUBA-TRAINED AGENTS POSE A THREAT TO THE HEMISPHERE, BUT NOT UNTIL TODAY HAD THE SCOPE OF THE PROBLEM BEEN DETAILED BY AN OFFICIAL U.S. SOURCE. HERE IS WHAT CIA DIRECTOR JOHN A. MCCONE HAD TO SAY ABOUT IT-- AND HOW ADMINISTRATION CRITICS REACTED TO HIS REPORT.

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WASHINGTON, MARCH 1 (AP)--THE NATION'S INTELLIGENCE CHIEF SAYS A DANGEROUS, WIDESPREAD, HIGHLY ORGANIZED COMMUNIST SUBVERSION APPARATUS IS BEING BUILT AROUND LATIN AMERICANS TRAINED IN CUBA.

DESPITE THE GRAVITY OF THE THREAT TO HEMISPHERE GOVERNMENTS AS DESCRIBED BY JOHN A. MCCONE, DIRECTOR OF THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, A REPUBLICAN CRITIC CHARGED THE ADMINISTRATION "IS NOT LEVELING WITH US."

REP. H. R. GROSS, R-IOWA, A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS SUBCOMMITTEE, COMPLAINED THE INTELLIGENCE DIRECTOR "WAS NOT VERY LUCID ON A LOT OF THIS STUFF" WHEN HE APPEARED BEFORE THE SUBCOMMITTEE FEB. 19. HIS CENSORED TESTIMONY WAS RELEASED TODAY.

GROSS CLAIMED MCCONE'S APPEARANCE WAS PART OF A PATTERN OF "COVERUP OF WHAT HAS HAPPENED AND THEN BUILD UP A CASE FOR GIVING MORE MONEY TO THE ALLIANCE FOR PROGRESS."

PRESIDENT KENNEDY INSISTS THAT THE THREAT OF COMMUNIST SUBVERSION IN LATIN AMERICA NEVER CAN BE EFFECTIVELY OVERCOME UNTIL THERE ARE EFFECTIVE ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL REFORMS TO MEET THE POVERTY AND DISCONTENT ON WHICH THE REDS TRADE. THE ALLIANCE FOR PROGRESS IS THE ADMINISTRATION'S CHIEF WEAPON IN THIS FIGHT.

REP. ARMISTEAD SELDEN, D-ALA., THE SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, RELEASES THE TESTIMONY WHICH APPEARED TO CONSIST OF MCCONE'S PREPARED STATEMENT AND DID NOT INCLUDE THE QUESTION-AND-ANSWER EXCHANGES BETWEEN HIM AND SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS.

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MCCONE TESTIFIED THAT AT LEAST 1,000 TO 1,500 "STUDENTS" FROM ALL EXCEPT ONE LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRY WENT TO FIDEL CASTRO'S COMMUNIST CUBA IN 1962 TO RECEIVE PRACTICAL TRAINING IN GUERRILLA WARFARE, SABOTAGE AND TERRORISM. THE FLOW IS CONTINUING THIS YEAR, HE ADDED, "DESPITE THE LIMITED FACILITIES FOR REACHING CUBA AT PRESENT."